

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A data output device that transmits bar-code data  
having been read from a bar-code and identification data  
for specifying the device, and an information-gathering  
system using the data output device are disclosed. A data  
output device 12 comprises bar-code reading section 14,  
data storing section 16, and control section 18. The  
10 control section 18 of the data output device 12 transmits  
information data that is generated by adding identification  
data, which is previously stored in the data storing section  
16 for specifying the data output device 12, to the bar-code  
data. The data output device 12 is connected to a terminal  
15 30a that can communicate with a communication network 2.  
Through the communication network 2, the information data  
is transmitted by the terminal 30a to a host computer 60,  
which is also connected to the communication network 2,  
and is stored in data accumulation section 64 of the host  
20 computer 60.